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THE PROCEEDINGS

At the Assizes of *Oyer* and *Terminer* for the County of *SURREY*,

HELD AT

Kingston upon *Thames* for the said County of *SURREY*,

On *Wednesday* and *Thursday* the 30th, and 31st of *July*, and *Friday*, *Saturday*, and *Monday*, the 1st, 2d, and 4th of this Instant *August*, 1729. In the 3d Year of His MAJESTY's Reign.

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BEfore the Right Honourable the Lord Chief Justice *Eyre*, and the Honourable Mr. Baron *Carter*; together with several of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of *Surrey*.

Juror's Names.

James Wellbeloved.	*Daniel Poplet.*
Thomas Saunders.	*Timothy West.*
Edward Martyr.	*Jos. Kirby.*
John Cooper.	*John Rolls.*
Edward Fielder.	*John Seal.*
Charles Twine.	*John Ford.*

Mary Copas, of the Parish of St. *Saviour's Southwark*, was indicted for privately stealing out of the Dwelling-House of *Thomas Gun*, the Sum of 3*l.* 19*s.* on the 28th of *June*.

Jane Gun depos'd, That when the Prisoner came to her first, she was bare of Cloaths, and therefore admir'd where she got Money to spend so lavishly as she did; that she was satisfied she had a Sum of 30 *l.* in a Bag in the Cupboard, which was for a particular Use; being inform'd by her Daughter that she heard the Prisoner lock the Cupboard, she took the Key, and numbering the Money, found 3 *l.* 19 *s.* missing out of the said Sum; upon which she charg'd the Prisoner with taking it, which she denying, she sent for a Constable and charg'd her.

George Lightfoot, Constable, depos'd, That he was charg'd with the Prisoner, who at first denied that she ever wrong'd her Mistress, but going under the Gateway, to Justice *Lad*'s, he perceiving she had something in her Hand, seiz'd it, and found the Money mention'd in the Indictment, upon which, she said only 20 *s.* belong'd to her Mistress.

The Prisoner in her Defence, said, she borrow'd 5 *l.* of one *John Gifford*, to buy her Cloaths; who appearing in Court, denied it. The Fact being prov'd, the Jury found her guilty to the Value of 39 *s.*

Thomas Berry, of St. *Saviour's Southwark*, was indicted for a Misdemeanour, for taking 15 Pound of Lead, value 2 *s.* 6 *d.* out of the Yard of *Edward Brown*, to which he pleaded guilty. Fin'd 1 *s.* paid by a young Lady in Court, and order'd to be set at Liberty without Fees.

The Jury at Mr. *Acton*'s Tryal.

Thomas Cole.	*John Siggins.*
Miles Poole.	*Charles Halbrook.*
Thomas Parkas.	*Thomas Bamford.*
Richard Hollis.	*William Brown.*
Charles Buckland.	*John Walter.*
William Goswell.	*Robert Patten.*

William Acton, was indicted for the Murder of *Thomas Bliss*, by feloniously, willfully, and Malice afore-thought, on the 1st of *October*, in the 13th Year of the Reign of our late Sovereign Lord King *GEORGE*, loading with Irons, and by a malicious and cruel Nature beating and abusing the said *Thomas Bliss* so that he languish'd 'till the *March* following, and then died.

The King's Counsel very learnedly open'd the Tryal, informing the Jury, that if a Prisoner by the Dures or Hardships sustain'd in Prison, should contract an evil Disposition of Body occasion'd by the ill Treatment of the Goaler, that in such a Case the Keeper is guilty of Willful Murder; and after reciting and stating some Laws in force, relating to Prisons, proceeded to call the following Evidences.

William Wilson depos'd, That he was a Prisoner in the *Marshalsea* Prison on the said 1st of *August*, and that *Acton* was a Turnkey under Mr. *Darby*, and afterwards under his Father-in-Law *Wilson*, who was Deputy, or Lessee, and that afterwards he farm'd it of *Darby*; he said, he knew the Prisoner in the Sick Ward, but could not say he saw him Iron'd, and that he heard *Thomas Bliss* say, he should never recover the ill Usage he receiv'd from *Acton* the Prisoner, and his Assistants.

Ann Bliss, the Wife of the unfortunate Deceas'd, depos'd, That her Husband, being in great Distress, did attempt to break out of Prison by the help of a Rope, which breaking, he fell down, and was retaken by *Acton*, and one *Rogers* a Turnkey, and brought into the Lodge, where he was barbarously beat by the Prisoner, and his Assistants; being knock'd down, *Acton* stamp'd three times on his Breast, and he was put into the strong Room, loaded with heavy Irons, *viz.* the Scull-Cap, Collar, Thumb-screws, and Fetters; that he begg'd of *Acton* to be us'd like a Man, who mov'd him to a Dungeon, and beat him to that Degree with a Bull's Pizzle that his Cloaths were forc'd to be cut off his Back; that his Back was all over black with the Severity of the Strokes, and that his Stomach was swell'd, but afterward relenting he mov'd him to the Sick Ward, where he supported him, and in particular, sent him a Shoulder of Mutton: Being ask'd by the Court as to the Time, reply'd, It was about two Years and a half: Being ask'd, whether he went to work after he was discharg'd? reply'd, he did, but could not work, being weak and sick.

Susanna Dodd depos'd, That she saw *Bliss* in Irons in the strong Room with Screws, Iron Cap, fetter'd, and sheer'd, 4 Hours; that he desir'd her to give him something to nourish him, which she accordingly did, by pulling some Meat asunder with her Fingers, and putting it in his Mouth, and gave him some Drink in a Tin half-pint Pot, who complain'd that his Jaws were very sore, and that she saw his Fingers bleeding.

Richard Butler depos'd, That he saw *Acton*, *Nicholls*, and *Page* beat him; that the Prisoner stamp'd three times on his Breast, and Iron'd him; that the Deceas'd fell very ill, and was heard to say, that the Bruises he receiv'd would be the Cause of his Death.

Matthew Bacon depos'd, That the Legs of the Deceas'd were swell'd, and that he heard him say, That the Pain in his Breast, occasion'd by the Bruises, would be the Cause of his Death; and that he said he should do well, had it not been for that Rogue *Acton*.

Mary Gillis depos'd, That she believ'd he was almost starved, and that upon that account he attempted an Escape; that he saw *Acton*, *Nicholls*, *Page*, and *Rogers*, beat him, and put him in the strong Hold, under the Petitioning Room, where he continued till he confess'd that one *Crab* gave him Money to buy the Rope.

James Abbot depos'd, That he saw him drubb'd with a Bull's Pizzle.

Matthew Brandon depos'd, That he was a Prisoner in the *Marshalsea*, whilst *Bliss* was a Prisoner; that he saw his Legs prodigiously swell'd; that the Marks look'd like the Marks of Iron being indented in his Legs; and that he begg'd of him to see the Prisoner prosecuted if he died, for that he was the Cause of his Death.

Mary Reynolds depos'd, That she saw him fetter'd in the Yard, his Legs prodigiously swell'd, and the Skin broke; that the Deceas'd said, He was sure he should never be himself.

(Price Two-pence.)

Peter Purchaſe depos'd, That he ſaw his Legs mark'd and ſwell'd by the Irons, and that he complain'd of his Side.

Edmund Cummins depos'd the ſame. That he was put into the ſtrong Room; and being ask'd what ſort of a Place the ſtrong Room was? he replied, that he had ſeen Hogs put into better Places.

Edward Murphey depos'd, That he ſaw him Iron'd and Hand-cuff'd, his Legs mark'd black and blue, and the Skin off.

Ellis Roberts depos'd, That he ſaw him Iron'd and Hand-cuff'd, his Legs mark'd, and the Skin off; ſaw him in the ſtrong Room where another Man had the Collar on; and that he went to Mr. *Darby* to deſire him to mittigate his Puniſhment.

William Colley, ſenior, depos'd, That he ſaw him when he came out of Priſon; that he apply'd to him for Work, which he promis'd him; that the Deceas'd follow'd him into the Country, where he provided a Supper for him; that he went the next Day to work, but could not, being very Ill; and that he heard the Deceas'd ſay, That the Priſoner and his Rogues were the Death of him: When he came out of the Country, he was put into St. *Thomas*'s Hoſpital, where he died.

William Colley, junior, depos'd to the ſame Effect, with this Addition, That when he was blooded, his Blood was corrupted, and that the Deceaſed ſaid, he ſhould never recover the Abuſe he had received in Priſon.

Samuel Parker depos'd, That he ſaw him after he came out of Goal, and that he complain'd of his being Iron'd both Head, Hands and Legs.

The Priſoner urg'd in his Defence, That he never us'd him ill, as was alledg'd, and in all Probability the Fall (if any accidental thing) was the Occaſion of his Malady, he having fallen down from an Eminence of 25 Foot: And to prove this, produc'd the following Witneſſes.

Samuel Bullock depos'd, That on the 25th of *March*, 1727, he came to ſee Mr. *Acton*, and heard an Outcry that a Priſoner was attempting an Eſcape; that thereupon the Priſoner run out, and return'd ſoon after with the Deceas'd; that he ſaw him immediately order'd to the Sick Ward, and gave him a Shilling; and that the ſaid *Bliſs* complain'd of his Side by the Fall; and that he ſaw no Violence offered him.

Robert Holmes depos'd, That he was at Skittles in *Ax and Bottle Yard*, and heard an Outcry of a Priſoner's eſcaping, and that he ſaw *Acton*, and one *Rogers*, ſupporting the Deceas'd between them; that he was in Company with him ſeveral Times after his Diſcharge, and particularly going to *Peckham*, and that he heard him declare, that had it not been for *Acton* he ſhould have been ſtarv'd; that he was the only Perſon that got him his Liberty; that he never heard him complain for 7 or 8 Months after; and upon his meeting with Mrs. *Bliſs*, he enquir'd how her Husband did? who ſaid, ſhe thank'd God he was dead, and that he died of a Fever and Ague which he got in the Country; but Mrs. *Bliſs* being cal'd up to the Bar, denied it.

Henry Chapman depos'd, That after he fell down, he was taken and brought back into the Priſon, and was directly carried to the Sick Ward; and that the Priſoner order'd him 3 *d. per Diem* to ſupport him, which this Deponent ſaw deliver'd to him; he was in a little time recover'd, was in perfect Health, and was Conſtable of the Pump Ward; that he never ſaw him Iron'd, or ever heard him ſay that he was Iron'd; that he was in perfect Health when diſcharg'd, and lodg'd at Mr. *Greſham*'s at the *Dolphin* at the *Marſhalſea-Gate*; he ſaw him when he came from *Southgate*, and never heard him complain.

Thomas Fletcher depos'd, that being a Surgeon, he deſir'd him to look upon his Leg, which he did, and ſaw a large Tumour, to which he applied a Plaiſter; he made no other Complaints at that time but that his Ankle was hurt: Some time after he, this Deponent, met the Deceas'd at *Weſtminſter*, when he declar'd, that Mr. *Acton* procured him his Liberty; he alſo declar'd he never ſaw him Iron'd, and that the ſtrong Room where he was ſaid to be confin'd, was a wholeſome, dry Place; and gave the Priſoner a good Character.

Thomas Whitford depos'd, That he knew *Bliſs*, and that he was in as good Health as he this Deponent was this Minute; he alſo gave him a good Character; that he met Mrs. *Bliſs*, the Wife of the Deceas'd, at the *Golden-Pump* in *Chick-Lane*, where ſhe declar'd that her Husband died of a Fever which he had taken in the Country; he alſo gave the Priſoner a good Character as to his Uſage amongſt the Priſoners.

Robert Walker depos'd, That the Priſoner was perfectly recovered after his Fall, before he was diſcharg'd; he alſo gave him a good Character.

William Pollard depos'd, that he eat and drank with him; that he complain'd of the Hurt in his Leg by the Fall; was in a good State of Health; he alſo gave the Priſoner a good Character.

Thomas Weſtbery depos'd, That after the 2d Fall he ſaw him in the Sick Ward, when he complain'd of nothing but the Hurt of his Ankle by the Fall; he alſo gave him a good Character.

Chriſtian Handy depos'd, That he lay near him in Priſon for 3 Months, during which time he moſtly complain'd of one of his Legs; that the other was a little ſwell'd; he told him if he would lend him half a Guinea he could get his Bread.

Heſter Long depos'd, That ſhe met the Deceas'd juſt after he was diſcharg'd, at the *Dolphin* Alehouſe, where ſhe heard him ſay, God bleſs Mr. *Acton*, for he had got him his Liberty; but did not ſee him till the Sunday ſe'nnight, when he complain'd of nothing; the Wife of the Deceas'd lodg'd with her when there came a Meſſenger to her Houſe to enquire for Mrs. *Bliſs*, for that there was a Gentleman on the other ſide of the Water that wanted to ſpeak with her, which would be for her Advantage; and that ſhe heard her ſay ſhe was to have 40 or 50 *l.* for proſecuting Mr. *Acton*; that ſhe was to have 30 or 40 *s.* advanced her to buy her Cloaths; thereupon ſhe deſir'd her not to be concern'd in the Proſecution of Mr. *Acton*, for that if ſhe did, her Brother would not forgive her, and that, perhaps, Mr. *Acton* might give her a couple of Guineas; upon which, ſhe replied, that her Maſter *Jennings* ſaid ſhe ſhould not take 100 *l.* Mrs. *Bliſs* being call'd up, ſhe denied the whole, but ſaid that her Maſter *Jennings* advanc'd her 3 Guineas to Cloath her, in order to go to another Service.

Robert Cole depos'd, That coming over *London-Bridge*, he overtook *Bliſs*'s Widow, who enquir'd about a Friend in *Leadenhall Market*, and falling into Diſcourſe, ſhe ſaid, that if Mr. *Acton* would give her 5 *l.* ſhe would not trouble her Head about him.

Thomas Rogers depos'd, That the Deceas'd hurt his Leg by the Fall, but denied that he ever was Iron'd, or that the Scull-Cap was ever made uſe of.

John Boſwell depos'd, that the Deceas'd fell down and hurt himſelf, and that he ſaw Mr. *Acton*, and *Rogers* a Turnkey, leading him; but that he was neither Iron'd nor abus'd.

John Grace depos'd, That there being a Statute in King *William*'s Time, to burn Felons in the Cheek, the Scull-Cap was invented to keep their Heads ſteddy, and that it was made for no other Uſe.

There were ſeveral others that depos'd to the ſame Effect, and gave Mr. *Acton* a very good Character.

He had ſeveral Gentlemen, and Tradeſmen of good Faſhion, that gave him the Character of a fair trading Man, and one of a great deal of Humanity. The Jury conſidering the whole, brought in their Verdict, *Not Guilty*.

William Acton, was a ſecond Time indicted, for that on the 15th of *July*, in the 11th Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King *George* the Firſt, he did feloniouſly, willfully, and of Malice afore-thought, murder Captain *John Bromfield*, by loading him with heavy Irons, and confining him in an unwholeſome Place, call'd *the Hold*; by the Dureſs and Hardſhips of which Place he fell ſick, languiſhed, and died in about a Month's time.

William Wheeler depos'd, That *Acton* was at that Time Turnkey under *John Darby*; that the Deceaſed lodg'd in the Maſter-Side, in a Place call'd *the Nurſery*; Captain *Bromfield* came down Stairs into a Place call'd *the Pound*, and was order'd by one *Perkins*, a Turnkey, to go up into his Room, which he refus'd, and went into a Chandler's Shop contiguous to *the Pound*; upon his entring, he was follow'd by the Turnkey, who, upon ſome Words ariſing betwixt them, was ſtabb'd in the Breaſt by the ſaid Capt. *Bromfield*; upon which he was ſeiz'd, carried into the Lodge, Iron'd and put into the *Hold*: Being ask'd what ſort of a Place the *Hold* was, and whether *Acton* was perſonally preſent, or gave Orders for his Ironing, or Confinement? ſaid, The *Hold* was a Place under a Pair of Stairs leading up to the *Petitioning Room*, where a Perſon could not ſtand ſtrait; but that he could not ſay that *Acton* was preſent when he was ſeiz'd, and carried into the Lodge, or that he gave any Orders for his ill Treatment; and that he died about the laſt of *June*.

Hugh Martin depos'd, That in 1725, Capt. *Bromfield* was his Bedfellow in the *Nurſery*, and confirm'd the former Evidence, but with this Addition That *Perkins* order'd him to his Room, ſaying, It was by Order.

William Saunders depos'd, That he knew Captain *Bromfield*, and that he heard *Acton* order him to the Lodge to be Iron'd, and from thence follow'd him to the *Hold*, where he saw him put in; and being desir'd to let him out, said, he could do nothing without *Darby*'s Command; he saw him the Night before he died, when he said, That the Rogue *Acton* was the Cause of his Death, for that he should never recover the ill Usage he had receiv'd; the next Morning he was Speechless: Being ask'd what sort of Place the *Hold* was? he said, it was a dark, dismal Place under a Pair of Stairs, where a green Grocer put her Greens, and that a Man could not stand up strait in it.

Martha Johnson depos'd, she saw him Iron'd, but nothing more.

The Prisoner in his Defence, said, That a Person came and inform'd him that *Perkins* was stabb'd, upon which he ran immediately to the Place, and seeing him bleeding, went into the *Borough* for a Surgeon, but before he return'd, the said *Bromfield* was Iron'd, and put into the *Hold* by the Turnkeys, without his Command or Privaty; and call'd

George Carey, who depos'd, That the Turnkeys Iron'd and confin'd Capt. *Bromfield* whilst the Prisoner went for the Surgeon; after he was let out, he saw him standing in good Health; and that he died, as was reported, by the Black Jaundice.

Francis Cartwright depos'd, That Captain *Bromfield* was Iron'd and confin'd without the Prisoner's Orders or Directions, by the Turnkeys; that he was a weak, sickly Man; that he continued in Health for three Weeks after he was Iron'd, and was suppos'd to die of the Black Jaundice.

Joseph Wood depos'd, That Mr. *Acton* came for him, to his House, and brought him to dress the wounded Turnkey; and when he came afterward he saw the Deceas'd in perfect Health, in the Lodge. The Jury considering the whole, acquitted him.

He was a third time indicted for the Murder of *Robert Newton*, Prisoner in the Marshalsea Prison.

Capt. *Benjamin Tedman* depos'd, That he knew the Deceas'd in Prison, in *May* 25. 1725, where he broke out, and some Time after was retaken and Iron'd till he petition'd (as he was inform'd) Serjeant *Darnel*, Judge of the Marshal's Court.

Edward Carr depos'd, That he saw him Iron'd in the Lodge, and was carried by *Acton*'s Orders, by one *Rogers* a Turnkey, to the Strong Room, where he continued 14 Days, That he fell sick in the Strong Room, was carried from thence to the Sick Ward, where he died, and that he verily believ'd his Confinement was the Cause of his Death.

Edward Phillips depos'd the same, and saw *Acton* in the Lodge when he was Iron'd.

Robert Smith depos'd, That he saw him Iron'd and put into that loathsome Place the Strong Room, he continually came and visited him, when he declar'd to him that his Irons and Dures were burthensome to him, and would certainly be the Occasion of his Death, because he had no Bed to lie on.

Lieut. *Baptist Charles de Mottet* depos'd, That he saw him Iron'd in the Strong Room, which was a wet moist filthy Place, where he continued 14 Days, fell sick in it, and was carried to the Sick Ward, where he died.

Ruth Butler depos'd, That she heard Mr. *Acton* order him to be Iron'd.

The Prisoner in his Defence urg'd, That, at that Time, he was a Servant to Mr. *Darby*, and that it was by his Orders he was iron'd; To prove which he call'd

Robert Holms, who depos'd, That the Prisoner sent this Deponent to Mr. *Darby*, after the deceased was retaken, to know what he would have done with him, who order'd him to be Iron'd and confin'd in the Strong Room, from whence he was remov'd to the Duke's Ward, where he continued 3 Weeks in perfect Health, and play'd with him several Times at Trap-Ball, and that he never heard him complain of any ill Usage.

Walters depos'd, That the Deceas'd was tenderly us'd by the Prisoner, lay on a Bed in the Strong Room, which was a dry wholesome Place.

The Prisoner call'd Six Evidences more, viz. *Hartless*, *Boswell*, *Maurice*, *Overton* and *Hull*, who severally depos'd to the same Effect. Upon the whole, the Jury acquitted him.

He was a Fourth Time indicted for the Murder of Capt. *James Thomson*, in the 12th Year of the late Reign.

Edmund Cummins depos'd, That he knew the Deceas'd in the Pump Ward, and the sole Cause of his being confin'd in the Strong Room by the Prisoner, was because he had a Diabetes, and that he died about Six in the Morning, had his Eye, his Cheek, and Part of his Ear eaten by the Rats, and was buried before Nine, without a Coroner's Inquest.

Matthew Brandon depos'd, That he knew the Deceas'd in the Pump Ward, and heard him say, the second Time he was sent to the Strong Room, That he should die there; That after he was dead, he saw a sore Place in his left Thigh, which look'd Red and Angry, which he did believe was occasion'd by his lying on the hard cold Board, only in a thin Stuff or Callimanco Night-gown, That he represented his deplorable Condition to Mr. *Acton*, who bid him mind his own Business.

William Jennings depos'd, That he was a Watchman under *Acton*, in the Marshalsea, That he saw the Deceas'd remov'd by the Prisoner's Order, to the Strong Room, where he lay without a Bed, and at his first going thither was in Health; Some Time after, being upon the Watch and passing by, hearing him groan heavily he went up to the Strong Room and enquir'd how he did, the Deceas'd faintly reply'd he should not live till Morning, upon which he went to the Prisoner, and told him that Capt. *Thomson* was dying, whereupon the Prisoner reply'd, What is that to you, you old Son of a Bitch? Let him dye and be damn'd.

Thomas Snape depos'd, That the deceas'd was mov'd out of the Pump Ward, but could not say by whose Orders; Having view'd him after his Death, his Side was turn'd to a Mortification, which he believ'd was by the Hardship he sustain'd in the strong Room, where he had no Bed.

Eleanor Ewers deposed to the same Effect.

Matthew Bacon confirmed that Part of his being mov'd, and that he heard him say, That his cruel Usage would be the Death of him, because he was allow'd nothing to lye on.

Peter Purchase confirmed the former Evidence as to his being mov'd, and that *Nichols* and *Rogers*, Turnkeys, said, that they had Orders to remove him, and that he had no Bed.

John Willson depos'd, That the Deceas'd was mov'd to the Strong Room, and before that Time was a strong and merry Man, and would sing merry Songs and Chorus's; and confess'd that *Nichols* said he was mov'd by his Master the Prisoner's Order, and when he applied to *Acton* to take him out of that unwholesome Place, he bid him mind his own Business; and that he lay on the Boards.

Edward Philips deposed, That he was mov'd by the Prisoner's Order and that some Time before he died, he said he should die under the Hardships he suffer'd in his Confinement.

The Prisoner in his Defence urg'd, That the Deceas'd was mov'd to the Strong Room upon his own Request, because the Ward he lay in had fin'd him several Times a Quart of Gin, upon the Account of his Diabetes, and produc'd one *Goslin* and his Wife, who depos'd that the Deceas'd petition'd the Prisoner to be remov'd to the Strong Room, as a Place of Ease and Security from the Insults of his Fellow-Prisoners, and they heard him say he was much oblig'd to *Acton* for letting him lie there. *Robert Holmes* depos'd, That the Deceas'd was put there at his own Request,

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had that he lent him a Bed to lie on, and that it was one of the best Rooms of the Prison. He produc'd several other Witnesses, who depos'd to the same Effect, upon which he was acquitted by the Jury.

Alexander Mac-Key, of the Parish of *Rygate*, was indicted for feloniously stealing a Mare out of the Stable of *John Allingham* of *Rygate*. The Prosecutor depos'd, That he lost his Mare out of the Stable, and found her at Mr. *Perry*'s in *Tunbridge*, who depos'd that he bought her of the Prisoner. The Fact being plain, he was found Guilty. Death.

William Pegdon and Hannah his Wife, and Thomas Williams, of the Parish of *Mitcham*, were indicted for feloniously taking out of the bleaching Ground at *Micham* several Pieces of printed Cotton, the Goods and Property of *Peter Mavilain*. The Fact being plainly prov'd, and they having nothing to say in their Defence, were found Guilty.

John and Edward Penny, were indicted for robbing, in a Stage Coach, several Persons unknown. *John Wilmot* depos'd, That, coming over *Bagshot Heath*, his Coach was stop'd by 3 Highwaymen, that *Edward Penny* stop'd the Postilion, whilst one *Crouch*, since dead in Prison, robb'd the Passengers, that coming along, he met one Mr. *Smith*, and desir'd him to turn back or else he would be robb'd, and that the Prisoners were the Persons Mr. *Smith* depos'd, That not regarding the Notice given him, he pursued his Journey, having a Confidence in his Horse, but had not gone far before he saw a Man at some distance on the Heath, who pursued him and robb'd him, that upon a Pursuit, he found them at the *Queen's-Head* in *Bell-sound*, where they were taken, and upon them found a Musquatoon loaden with 15 Bullets. The Fact being plain they were found Guilty. Death.

John Doron, John Goodwin, and William Carington, of the Parish of *Rotherhith*, were indicted for Robbing *Thomas Smith* on the Highway, and taking from him a Gold Ring, a Pair of silver Buckles, a Bridle, and other Things.

Thomas Smith depos'd, That coming from *Bromley-Fair*, *Dixon* met him, and seizing his Bridle, led him out of the Road to a By-Lane, where he robb'd him of the Things mention'd in the Indictment, the other Two looking on at some small Distance.

Henry Busby depos'd, That the Prosecutor came to his House, and said he was robb'd, and that he went with him, and secur'd the Prisoners.

—— *Welch* depos'd, That when he with the Constable and others, seiz'd them, *Carington* cry'd, What, are you come upon us so? and said, that *Dixon* confess'd he sold the Bridle to one Mr. *Hughes*, who appearing in Court, confirm'd his Evidence. The Fact being plain against *Dixon*, the Jury found him guilty. Death.

John Goodson, of the Parish of *Christchurch*, was indicted for feloniously taking out of the House of *William Benson*, on the 1st of *June*, wearing Apparel; but for want of Evidence, he was acquitted.

Rebecca Hardwick, of St. *George's Southwark*, was indicted for feloniously taking out of the House of *Francis Chapman* a Sheet, and other Things, which being plainly prov'd, she was found guilty to the Value of 10 *d.*

She was a 2d time indicted by *Mary Taylor* for Pilfering, and was found guilty.

Lucy Hannah Annundale, was indicted for feloniously taking out of the House of *Elizabeth Barkley*, a Child's Gold Necklace, the Property of *Tho. Brooks*, the 7th of *April* last, value 20 s. *Elizabeth Barkley* depos'd, that the Prisoner came last *Easter* to her House when they were at Dinner, and she left her in the House, being oblig'd to go visit a Friend, and when she came home, miss'd the Necklace. *Thomas Brooks* depos'd, that upon his Mother's missing the Necklace, he pursued, and overtook the Prisoner upon *London-Bridge*, and searching her, found the Necklace upon her. The Fact being prov'd, the Jury found her guilty to the Value of 20 *s.*

Margaret Griffiths, and Ann Breedy, were indicted for feloniously breaking and entring the House of *Christopher Porter* in the Day-time, and taking one Copper Tea-Kettle, and other Goods. The Fact being plain against *Ann Breedy*, she was found guilty of Felony.

Samuel Boon, and Charles Huggins, of the Parish of *Camberwell*, were indicted for feloniously breaking and entring the House of *Samuel Davis*, on *May* the 8th, in the Day-time, and taking a Cane, Mortar, and other Things, to the value of 18 s. The Fact being plain, the Jury found them guilty to the Value of 10 *d.*

William Parnel, was indicted for stealing one Cock, two Hens, and one Drake, which were taken upon him. The Fact being prov'd, the Jury found him guilty to the Value of 10 *d.*

John Plat, and Manuel Wake, were indicted, *Plat* for feloniously taking out of *Deptford-Yard* 22 lb. of the King's Iron, mark'd with the Letter *R*, and *Wake* for receiving it, knowing it to be stolen. *Wake* producing several reputable Persons to his Reputation, who gave him the Character of an honest Man, he was acquitted, but *Plat* found guilty.

William, John, and Elizabeth Stephens, were indicted for feloniously taking from *William Piercy* 4 Silk Gowns, and divers other Goods; but the Evidence not being sufficient, they were acquitted.

Robert Thompson, and *Elizabeth* his Wife, and Daniel Holland, of the Parish of St. *George the Martyr*, were indicted for feloniously breaking and entring the House of *Thomas Barnard*, in the Night-time, and stealing a Parcel of Worsted, 1 Shirt, 1 Shift, and other Goods, on the 2d of *April* last, *Thompson* was found guilty, but his Wife and *Holland* were acquitted.

Miles Conner, was indicted for privately stealing a Silver Tankard from *Richard Watkins*; the Tankard being taken upon him in the House, he was found guilty of Felony only.

Margaret Hardwick, was indicted for privately stealing out of the Shop of *John Harrison* half a Firkin of Soap; but the Prosecutor not being able to prove it was taken out of the Shop, she was found guilty of single Felony.

Elizabeth and Mary Stevens, were indicted for stealing from *Oliver Eldridge* 6 Handkerchiefs, 4 new Mobs, and other Goods. The Fact being prov'd, they were found guilty.

David Thomas, was indicted for stealing, on the 31st of *July*, a Silver Badge belonging to the *London Insurance*, from *Thomas Walton*. The Prosecutor depos'd, That the Prisoner was a Journeyman to him when he miss'd his Badge; and Mr. *Taylor* depos'd, that he came to sell it at his Shop, and he suspecting it was stolen, stopp'd him. The Fact being plain, the Jury found him guilty.

The Trials being ended, the Court proceeded to give Judgment as follows:

Receiv'd Sentence of Death, 4.

Alexander Mackey, John Penny, Edward Penny, John Dixon.

Burnt in the Hand, 9.

Mary Capus, Lucy Hannah Annundel, and 12 Months Imprisonment.
Ann Bredy, —— and 6 Months Imprisonment.
John Plat, —— and 12 Months Imprisonment.
Miles Conner.
Mary Hardwick.
Mary and *Elizabeth Stevens*, ——and 6 Months Imprisonment.
David Thomas.

For Transportation, 6.

William Pegdon, Thomas Williams, Samuel Boon, Charles Hugget, Robert Thompson, John Dibble.

Whipt 3.

William Parnel, Margaret Blackburn, Rebecca Hardwick.

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